

**THE MINUTES OF THE HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON
JUDICIARY**

Wednesday, March 28, 2007

9:00 a.m.

Room 521 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Judiciary was called to order by **Representative Paul Condino**, Chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Condino, Coulouris, Bieda, Corriveau, Meadows, Meisner, Scott, Virgil Smith, Warren, Schuitmaker, David Law, Elsenheimer, Stakoe and Rick Jones.

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative Rocca.

Representative Stakoe moved to adopt the minutes of the **March 19** and **March 21, 2007**, meetings. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Representative Schuitmaker moved to excuse absent members from the committee. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Chairman Condino laid **HB 4525, 4526, 4527** and **HB 4528** before the committee:

HB 4525	Condino	State; identification cards; forms of identification necessary to apply for a state identification card; include corrections identification card and allow access to certain department of corrections data.
HB 4526	Meadows	Corrections; prisoners; issuance of debit card to access the prisoner's institutional account upon release; provide for.
HB 4527	Hoogendyk	Corrections; prisoners; certain prisoner reentry programs, including issuance of identification card and copies of other identifying documents; require, and require prisoners to obtain certain records.
HB 4528	Robert Jones	Traffic control; driver license; forms of identification necessary to apply for driver license; include corrections identification card.

TESTIMONY

Chairman Condino, sponsor of HB 4525, explained his bill to the committee.

Representative Robert Jones, sponsor of HB 4528, explained his bill to the committee. Questions and discussion followed.

Rev. Milton Wells, representing the Kalamazoo County - Michigan Prison Re-Entry Initiative (MPRI), testified in support of the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Hoogendyk, sponsor of HB 4527, explained his bill to the committee. Questions and discussion followed.

Senator Martha G. Scott, representing the 2nd District, testified in support of the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Robert Jones answered questions from the members.

Representative Meadows, sponsor of HB 4526, explained his bill to the committee. Questions and discussion followed.

Thell Woods, representing the Kalamazoo Balanced and Restorative Justice Network, testified in support of the bills.

Adriane Powell, representing Crossroads of Michigan, testified in support of the bills.

Marlene Benjamin, representing the Michigan Prison Re-Entry Initiative, testified in support of the bills.

Miriam Aukerman, representing the Re-Entry Law Project, Legal Aid of Western Michigan, testified in support of the bills.

Doug Novak and **James Fackler**, representing the Michigan Secretary of State Department, testified in opposition to the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

Due to time constraints the following people were unable to speak:

Jeff Padden, representing Public Policy Associates, indicated neutrality on the bills.

Douglas Stites, representing the Capital Area Michigan Works!, supports the bills.

Dennis Schrantz, representing the Michigan Department of Corrections, supports the bills.

The following people submitted a card and did not wish to speak:

Paul Stankewitz, representing the Michigan Catholic Conference, supports the bills.

Barbara Levine, representing the Citizens Alliance on Prisons & Public Spending, supports the bills.

Terri Stangl, representing the Center for Civil Justice, supports the bills.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

Representative Paul Condino, Chair
House Standing Committee on Judiciary
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1 Hour and 35 Minutes